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Exercises

15.9.2025

First exercise I made Android program where I enter two numbers and press button to add them together. I learned basic layout building and how to use OnClickListener. I made mistake and created three projects by accident because I forgot to select correct programming language. It was little frustrating but funny. I learned to pay more attention when creating android studio project. I tried simple UI and buttons, mostly testing how layout creation works. Video had old android studio interface and layout creation was bit more different, but I got everything working.

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Second exercise I made Android app with two activities. From home activity I can open Google search by button. I learned basic usage of Intent and how to switch between activities. Also understood better how activity lifecycle works and how to connect buttons with actions.

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Third exercise I made simple app with list on main screen. When I click list item it opens another activity showing image. I learned how RecyclerView works, how to handle clicks on items, and how to pass data to another activity. This exercise helped me understand UI navigation and simple data passing.

Project
20.9.2025

I started main project and created new Android Studio project. After exercises with buttons and lists, I was thinking what practical app I can make. I decided to make shopping list app because I already know how to use lists, buttons and multiple activities. I checked how to use ViewModel and LiveData to share data between tabs. I made first layouts for dashboard,

shopping list and data tab. I tried RecyclerView first time, it was bit confusing but after some example I understand how adapter works.

21.9.2025

I added shopping list items with name and quantity. I added delete button and tried to remove item from list. At first UI did not update when delete, I learned I need notifyDataSetChanged() in adapter. I also added favorite boolean and button, but it did not change view automatically, so I learned to update list in LiveData.

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I started dashboard tab and favorites list. I added star button for favorite toggle and LiveData observer to update UI. I tried AlertDialog to change quantity when add favorite to shopping list. I also added total count textview in data tab. It was tricky to get favorite count updating, but now it works.

26.9.2025

I added small borders and margins to list items to make UI nicer. I tried drawable with rounded corners and shadows. I tested many items and quantities, fixed some bugs in adapter and LiveData updates. I cleaned project and removed extra comments. I understand more how LiveData, ViewModel and RecyclerView works together and small UI details is important too.